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Woman Pleads Not Guilty to Charges That She Paid For Fake College Transcripts

A woman pleaded not guilty today to charges that she paid nearly \$8,000 in exchange for forged college transcripts, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Lorna Arcilla Ignacio (2/3/66) is one of four people charged in case BA430723 with unlawful procurement of a medical diploma/certificate and perjury. Mutya Fides Abitan Generoso (dob 5/25/75), Leonora Villaflor Guevara (dob 9/1/57) and Daniel Centeno (9/12/72) already have pleaded not guilty to the charges in the 12-count complaint.

They are scheduled to return to court Jan. 20 for preliminary hearing setting.

The four defendants are accused of paying various sums of money to receive fake documents claiming that they graduated from colleges in the Philippines. The forged transcripts then allowed them to take a California exam to become a registered nurse.

The amount of money paid for the fake documents ranged from \$2,500 to \$20,000, prosecutors said.

The case remains under investigation by the California Department of Consumer Affairs.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the <u>Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office</u> prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.